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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The matter has been put to Court and is sub-judice.

Ex-gratia amount to the families of victims of terrorist violence in J and K

3544. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any ex-gratia amount has been paid to the families of the victims of terrorist violence in Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years upto date;
- (b) whether some of the families have not been paid such amount;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which they are likely to be paid the ex-gratia amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Government of J & K has been providing ex-gratia relief to the victims of terrorist violence at the prescribed rates. The expenditure incurred by the State Government in this regard is reimbursed by this Ministry on a monthly basis under Security Related Expenditure. During the last three years, a sum of Rs. 98.68 crores has been reimbursed to the State Government against payment of ex-gratia relief to the next-of-kin of those killed as well as to those injured and compensation for damage/loss of property.

(b) to (d) Some of the families have not been paid ex-gratia relief for want of verification/procedural formalities. The list of such families however is not maintained by the Central Government.

Agreement with Bangladesh on relaxation of visa system

3545. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Bangladesh have agreed in principle to relax the existing visa system;